reason or other, the Disafforestation Committee did not recommend this block for disafforestation. This might be excluded from the reserve and registered in the names of Parayas.

The Parayas had applied for the registry of about 476 acres of land in the Takazhi and Prakad pakuthies of the Ambalapuzha taluk. These applications had not yet been disposed of. They should be granted without further delay. Similarly, the applications for lands in the Todupuzha, Muvattupuzha, Peermade, Devicolam, Changanachery, Pattanamtitta, Kunnattur, Pattanapuram, Kottarakara, Nedumangad and Vilavankod taluks should also be disposed of as early as possible.

Lastly, the member requested that an extent of 51 cents of land from Survey No. 515/3-D. of the Tiruvella pakuthi might be assigned to the Paraya community for putting up a *Bhajanamatam*.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Kandan Kumaran, lands are earmarked in almost every taluk for assignment to depressed classes and an extent of 12,000 acres is available within the earmarked areas. Occasionally, lands are also assigned outside these earmarked areas. If applications are made for lands where available, they will be considered, and if there is no objection, they will be granted. It very often happens that wrong lands are asked for; and if these are refused, that cannot be helped.

10. Assignment of lands to Kuravas.

MR. NARAYANAN RAMAN (*Nominated*) said that the depressed classes were subject to great difficulties in getting lands assigned under the concessional terms. The lands earmarked for assignment to depressed classes were rocky and unfit for cultivation. Fertile lands adjacent to the earmarked lands were not assigned to the depressed classes. An extent of 19 acres of land in Survey No. 1/859 of the Kunnattur pakuthi was occupied by Kuravas and improved by them. But the Government were taking steps to evict them on the ground that the land was required for grazing purposes. It would be very hard if the occupants were evicted from the land improved by them. This should be assigned to them. An extent of 1,168 acres of land in Survey No. 432/1 of the Koduman pakuthi included in a reserve was available for registry. This pakuthi was largely inhabited by Kuravas who were homeless. An extent of 500 acres from the aforesaid Survey No. might be disafforested and assigned to the Kuravas of the locality. Although this land was within a reserve, it was occupied by influential and rich persons.

His next request was that the lands applied for by Kuravas should not be assigned to others or sold in auction.

Lastly, he requested that each Tahsildar be asked to send the member a list of lands earmarked for registry to depressed classes in his taluk.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Raman, concessions in the matter of assignment of lands have been granted to your people as well as to others. If you want any particular lands, you may put in applications r the m and they will be considered.

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